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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON KEY INDICATORS OF PROGRESS, HOSPITAL OPERATIONS, AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER – PROGRESS REPORT #13 (Agenda Item #S-1, June 9, 2009)**

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This is to provide your Board with the bi-monthly report on the status of transitioning to the new LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC). This report is not the full monthly operational report but an interim operational report for the period of May 2009.

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Census Trending (ADC includes Psychiatric & Newborn Patients)

The Average Daily Census (ADC) for the month of May was 577 out of 671 licensed beds, an estimated 84% utilization rate (86% occupancy). This is a slight increase in ADC from April 2009. The census for Medical/Surgical units was an estimated 92% utilization rate (94% occupancy) for May 2009. Attachment 1 demonstrates the trending of ED registration volumes, admissions from the ED, and total hospitals admissions.

Additional Information Requested

On April 14, 2009, DHS was instructed by Supervisor Antonovich to report back quarterly on specialty services and residency training programs; findings from the mid-cycle reviews of the residency training programs and a status on the negotiations by the Office of Managed Care (OMC) to establish agreements with health plans for the transfer and admission of patients to the LAC+USC specialty services. The report on each of these areas is as follows:

Specialty Services -- Since the February 6, 2009 Operational Report #9, DHS has provided the ADC trending for the specialty beds at LAC+USC on a monthly basis. We will continue to provide these reports as demonstrated by Attachment 2 to this report.

Residency Training Programs and Mid-Cycle Residency Reviews -- In the April 10, 2009 Operational Report #9, DHS addressed questions related to the LAC+USC residency training programs. The Director of Graduate Medical Education (GME) in conjunction with the GME Committee reported they would be implementing intensive and comprehensive mid-cycle

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reviews beginning May 2009 for the seventeen resident training programs. Mid-cycle reviews are performed internally in preparation for Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) site visits to evaluate and ensure quality resident training experiences. Since the April report, LAC+USC has completed seven mid-cycle reviews and has had five ACGME site visits. None of the reviews or visits identified a measurable negative impact on residency training as a result of the move to the new facility; in fact, resident interviews have provided highly positive feedback as a result of the outstanding improvements with a Replacement Facility.

Health Plan Agreements -- OMC has developed an action plan that will guide the contracting and marketing activities needed to promote the specialty care services at LAC+USC. LAC+USC is in the process of developing informational materials for potential health plan entities to describe the valuable services available and how referrals will be made. After these materials are developed, OMC will schedule tours with managed care organizations and will commence contracting efforts. Several physician groups have expressed specific interest in LAC+USC's high risk OB program as well as in the outpatient and inpatient pediatric services. Under delegated authority OMC has completed successful negotiations with Kaiser for burn services for a three year contract with annual increased reimbursement rates throughout the term and will be informing the Board upon contract execution.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Carol Meyer, Interim Chief Network Officer at (213) 240-8370.

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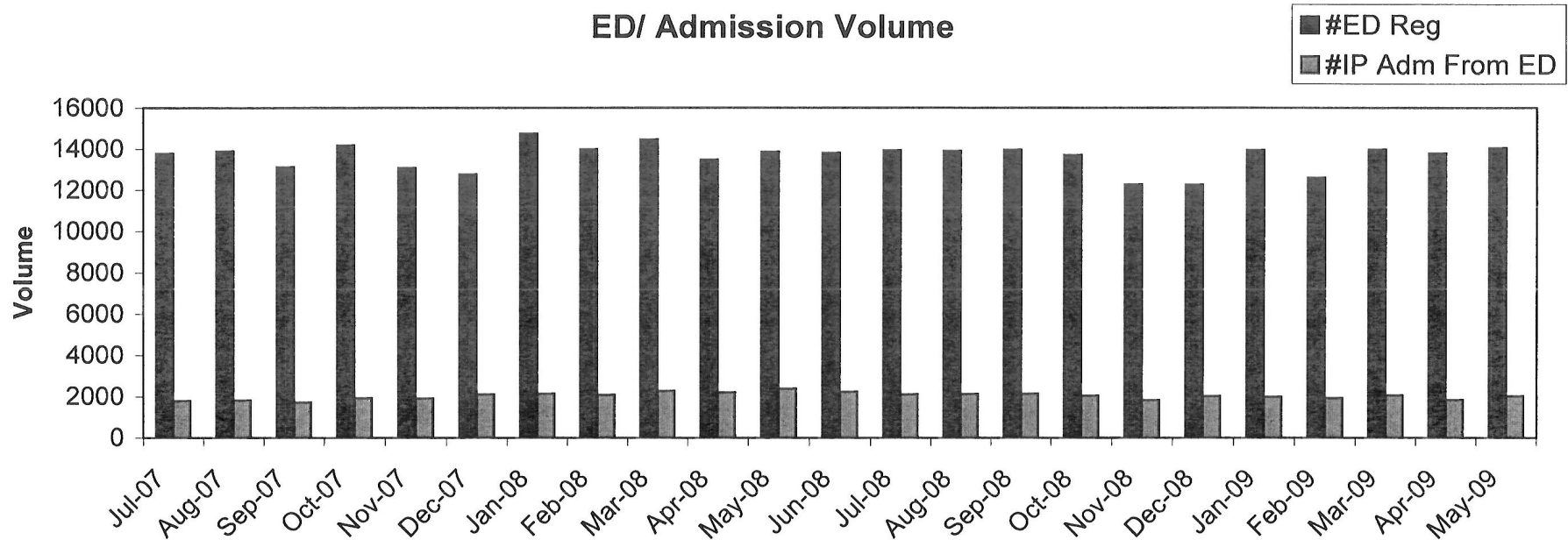
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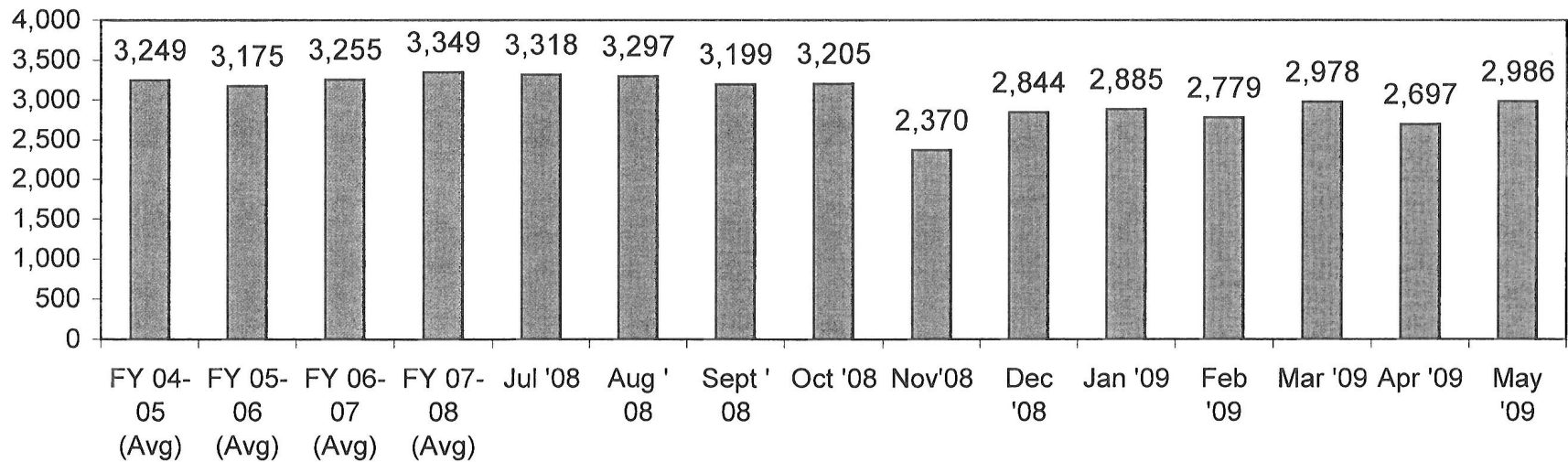
LAC+USC Medical Center Workload Summary

Attachment I

ED/ Admission Volume



Admissions



LAC+USC Healthcare Network
Average Daily Census by Nursing Unit Subset, Jul-2008 to Apr-2009
based on Affinity Nursing Unit Statistical Reports

Attachment II

